



BOARD MEETING RECAP

Deputy Superintendent Approved Dr. Joe Gilhaus, currently Director of Secondary Services, has been appointed the Deputy Superintendent, effective July 1, 2021. Dr. Gilhaus has been in the district for 43 years. He began as a student at Hickory Grove Elementary School, and attended Old Mission Junior High School, graduating from Shawnee Mission North High School.

He began his work as an educator in SMSD in 1991, teaching social studies for seven years at Hocker Grove Middle School. He served as an assistant principal at Westridge Middle School, as an associate principal at Shawnee Mission South High School, and for 14 years, served as the principal at Shawnee Mission South. For the past six years, he has served as the director of secondary services, where he oversees all middle and high schools in the district.

Dr. Gilhaus has an undergraduate degree in secondary education from Kansas State University, a master of science degree in education administration from the University of Missouri - Kansas City, and a doctorate in education from St. Louis University.

Coordinator of Instructional Technology Lindsay Stephenson, who currently serves as an instructional coach at Shawnee Mission South High School and as a district-wide digital learning coach, has been appointed to the position of Coordinator of Instructional Technology. This is a new full-time position, which will be funded from federal Title II funds. The position will be responsible for providing professional learning and support for

teachers and administrators on the use of Canvas, the district's instructional management system, along with support for the use of the Web-Ex boards available in each building, and general technology support.

Ms. Stephenson previously served as the instruction and curriculum facilitator in the Leavenworth school district, and as a teacher in the Olathe and Blue Springs districts. She has a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Kansas, and a master of science in special education from the University of Kansas.

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